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SUBJ: VISA FOR TIMES CORRESPONDENT WREN

1. NEW YORK TIMES DEPUTY FOREIGN EDITOR ROBERT CLURMAN NOTIFIED DEPARTMENT TODAY OF APPARENT DELAY IN SOVIET ISSUANCE OF VISA TO CHRISTOPHER WREN, TIMES CORRESPONDENT NAMED TO REPLACE SHABAD IN MOSCOW. CLURMAN SAID TIMES HAD SENT LETTERS ON AUGUST 3 TO SOVIET EMBASSY WASHINGTON AND TO SOFINSKY IN MFA REQUESTING VISA. REPLY NOT YET RECEIVED.

2. AT DEPARTMENT'S SUGGESTION, CLURMAN CALLED SOVIET PRESS COUNSELOR YEVSTAFYEV FOR STATUS REPORT ON VISA APPLICATION. YEVSTAFYEV SAID TWO MONTHS DELAY WAS NORMAL IN ISSUANCE OF VISAS TO FULLY ACCREDITED CORRESPONDENTS, BOTH FOR AMERICANS ASSIGNED TO MOSCOW AND SOVIETS ASSIGNED TO US. WE EXPLAINED TO CLURMAN THAT DEPARTMENT CAN AND NORMALLY DOES APPROVE VISAS FOR SOVIET CORRESPONDENTS IN LESS THAN TWO MONTHS AND THAT MAJOR CONTROLLING FACTOR IS RECIPROCITY. WE AGREED TO CONTACT YEVSTAFYEV TO URGE
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